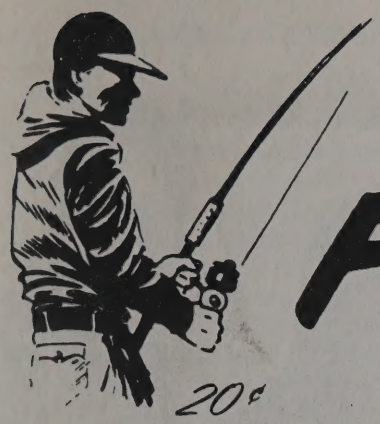

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12th ANNUAL JONES BEACH, CAPTREE & ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK FISHING CONTEST

1971 OCTOBER CONTEST WINNERS

FROM THE SURF

1. Fred Mysliwiec, 17 Barnfield Rd., Copiague, N.Y., Striped Bass, 42 lbs. 8 ozs., Cedar Beach, 42 8/16 pts.

2. William Harman, 30 Irving Ave., Lindenhurst, N.Y., Striped Bass, 41 lbs. 3 ozs., Cedar Beach, 41 3/16 pts.

3. Theodore Berry, Jr., 1441 St. Louis Ave., Bay Shore, N.Y., Striped Bass, Cedar Beach, 40 pts.

FROM THE PIER & BANK

1. Robert Smith, 195 E. Heathcote Rd., Lindenhurst, N.Y., Striped Bass, 43 lbs. 10 ozs., Oak Beach Bank, 43 10/16 pts.

2. Walter Cichon, 532 Rockaway St., W. Islip, N.Y., Striped Bass, 32 lbs., Oak Beach Bank, 32 pts.

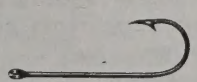
3. Raymond Mazza, 1 Oaks Court, Brightwaters, N.Y., Blackfish, 10 lbs. 7 ozs., Robert Moses Pier, 31 5/16 pts.

FROM THE BOAT

1. Frederick King, 1038 Anderson Ave., Bronx, N.Y., Bluefish, 16 lbs., Capt. George Tweedy, 48 pts.

2. Salvatore Napoli, 47-06 104 St., Corona, N.Y., Bluefish, 15 lbs. 12 ozs., Capt. George Tweedy, 47 4/16 pts.

3. John Saul, 140 Orchard St., Plainview, N.Y., Bluefish, 15 lbs. 2 ozs., Capt. Bob Joseph, 45 6/16 pts.



WINTERNATIONAL STRIPED BASS DERBY

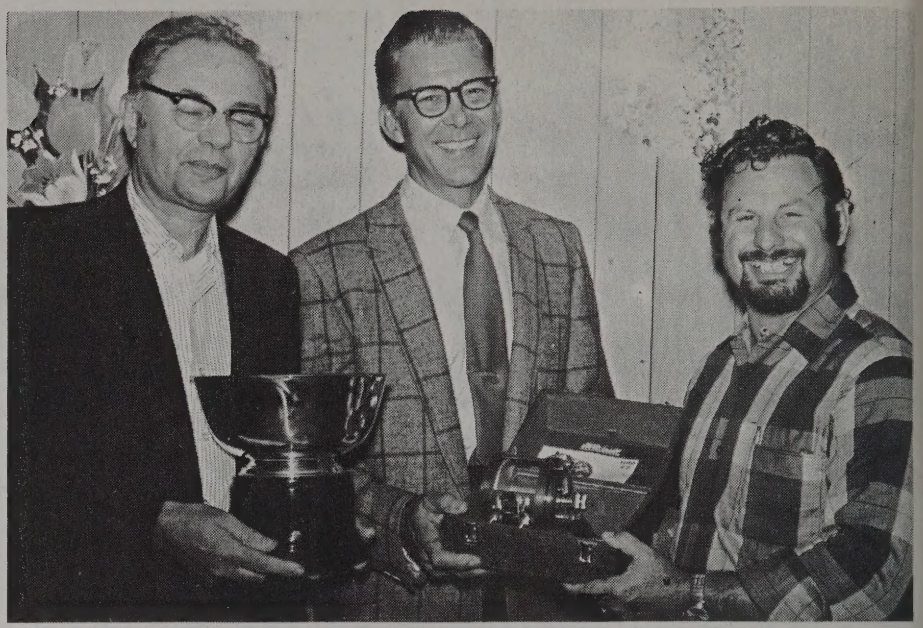
The Fourth Annual Winternational Striped Bass Derby, sponsored by WTAR-TV, Norfolk, Virginia, will start November 15th and continue through December 31st, it was announced today.

The annual event draws anglers from the entire Eastern Seaboard and is free to all participants.

Trophies are awarded in three categories: Men's division, Women's division and a Junior division, which includes boys and girls through age fourteen.

Tournament director Jeff Dane, of WTAR-TV, says that a record number of registered anglers is expected in this fourth year of the event. Last year, more than two thousand anglers registered to fish in the free Derby.

For more information on the Fourth Annual Winternational Striped Bass Derby, write or call: Jeff Dane, WTAR-TV, 720 Boush Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510 - - area code 703-625-6711.



Sid Karlin, Tournament Director of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, and Al Ristori of the Garcia Corp. award Ray Dorian 1st Place Trophy and a 6/0 Big Game Reel for his Invitational Tournament winning 140 lb. tuna caught aboard the "Double SS" on Sept. 26th.

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AMERICAN SCIENTISTS ABOARD RUSSIAN TRAWLER

by JIM McEVOY

Since 1967, the waters off our continental shelf have been surveyed and studied by a group of American and Russian scientists under the banner of the International Commission of Northwest Atlantic Fishery, (I.C.N.A.F.). The chief objective of these cruises is to determine the autumn distribution and relative abundance of ground fish species on the Continental Shelf from Cape Hatteras to Georges Bank in depths from 15 to 200 fathoms.

On October 18th, a press conference was held to interview Dr. Herbert M. Austin, a fishery's oceanographer at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory in Montauk. He had just returned from a three week I.C.N.A.F. cruise aboard the Russian fishery's research vessel, Blesk. He was one of four American scientists aboard the Russian vessel.

When asked what was the most abundant edible fish found during the survey, Dr. Austin replied, "The best catches were Red Hake (Ling) and Yellowtail Flounders." He also stated that he managed to bring an excellent sampling of small to large fish for the heavy metal studies being conducted by Dr. James Alexander at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory. He further stated, "this will make it possible to determine if there is any difference in the mercury content of the northern fish and the southern fish, and the difference of mercury between the large and the small." When asked just what effect the foreign fishing fleets have on our sports fishing industry Austin said, "Very little, if any. The type of fishing done off the shelf is mainly for hake, scup and yellowtail flounder." He further explained that most of our fishing is done in shallower waters and it is not economical for us to travel that far for fish (80 to 150 miles offshore). Our fishery vessels can only stay a short time (they have to carry cracked ice) while the foreign vessels can stay up to six months and longer. He also explained that they have mother ships to service them and some of them are large enough to process the catch aboard ship. Further emphasizing the efficiency of the Russian fleet, Austin said, "The Russian fleet has a water tanker bringing water directly from Russia."

During the entire cruise not one striper was brought aboard and only a few bluefish were caught. The fish that would concern us are flounder, scup and fluke. From these studies I.C.N.A.F. is trying to establish a standard size net mesh opening in order to allow the juvenile fish to escape and grow to marketable size. Dr. Austin said, "Through these cooperative cruises we're getting a good idea where and when the fish are spawning, and as a result, several areas of the shelf are closed during the month of October, because the hake are spawning out there then. Areas further north, where the blackback flounder (winter flounder) spawns, are now closed. The Russians, Poles, no one pulls their nets in there. There are other areas, like off Cape Hatteras, where the scup (porgies) go during the winter. These areas are closed when they believe the fish are breeding. Interestingly enough, the Russians are among the most cooperative in these international treaties. They are smart. They realize if they catch all the fish, they are only going to hurt themselves."

When asked about the Russians cutting lobster pot lines, Dr. Austin replied, "It appears to be more the Poles. When I was at Woods Hole, I looked at quite a few of the Coast Guard serial photos and it appears to show entirely Polish vessels." While in conversation with the third mate aboard the Blesk, Dr. Austin said that the Russian claimed that they try to stay clear of any lobster pots. "First, if they do catch a pot in the nets, they play hell with the net. Then the Russians have no use for lobsters; there is no market for them in Russia. Whenever we would pull up lobsters from a trawl, the Russians would throw them back. They did, however, love crab."

Austin described life aboard the ship as, "Spartan . . . the first thing I noticed when I got on the vessel was that there wasn't a single pot gut anywhere in sight, everybody was trim. Their eating habits are somewhat different from ours. They don't eat very much meat. In the entire three weeks, I would guess that I had about a half a pound of beef. They seemed to eat oftener, but sparsely."

Starting the day for Austin was a cup of tea and a piece of bread. Later, about four hours, another cup of tea and two pieces of bread, and maybe a boiled egg. "You got about two eggs a week," said Austin. For lunch and dinner they always have soup. Austin described the soup as very watery. "They would take a large pot of water, drop a head of cabbage and a few potatoes and peppercorns into it, boil it till it fell apart, then throw a couple of chicken wings into it. You got this huge bowl of soup that was clear, you could see right to the bottom where a few pieces of cabbage would be floating. The main course would be rice or noodles with a possible chicken wing. And on one occasion, a piece of cheese. They don't drink coffee or have anything sweet, except the sugar in the tea. On American vessels there is always a platter of donuts, sweet rolls, or cookies, and a pot of coffee, somewhere on ship. The diet was evidently Spartan, but healthful. "I am not what you call a health fanatic," said Austin, "but I read somewhere if you take your pulse periodically, you can get a good idea of your general state of health. My pulse by the end of the cruise had decreased from an average of 72 down to 62-64. The last time it was that low was when I was in college, running track."

Summarizing the interview with Dr. Austin, one could conclude that he feels there is no threat to the sports fishing or our commercial fishing industry at the present time, as long as international cooperation continues. However, there is need for greater investment in our commercial fishing industry in order to compete with the foreign fleets, and utilize our continental shelf to its fullest.

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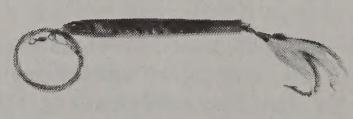

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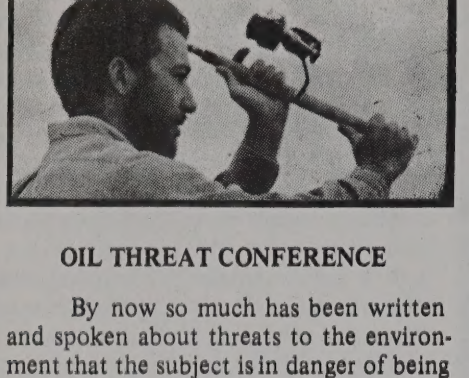

PLUGGIN' AROUND

BY AL REINFELDER

OIL THREAT CONFERENCE

By now so much has been written and spoken about threats to the environment that the subject is in danger of being discarded out of sheer mental exhaustion. This is a result of media-kill: the method by which good causes are buried under an avalanche of words. You get sick of hearing about a problem long before anything is done about it. Such is the case with "Ecology." The '70's were to be years of action; this was to be man's last chance to redeem his squandored planet; this was to be the time to reverse our headlong dash into overpopulation and waste. So far it has been an era of thermal air pollution.

Now, at the end of the second year of the '70's, we can look back on two years of rhetoric and little more. The Atomic Energy Commission is about to blast hell out of a small island in the Aleutians; recycling efforts have not been picked up by departments of sanitation; New York is about to engage in a new orgy of road-building; land developers continue to rape America the Beautiful; and the biggest domestic oil drilling frenzy is about to begin on the Atlantic continental shelf - right smack off Long Island.

In what appears to be a sincere effort to ward off this last named disaster, Nassau County Comptroller, Angelo D. Roncallo, along with the Director of the Committee for Resource Management (CORM), Thomas A. Macres, Jr., called a meeting of local conservationists two weeks ago.

Roncallo hosted the conference and began the meeting by announcing plans for the distribution of petitions, bumper stickers, buttons and educational material to arouse the public.

This immediately aroused feelings of pessimism. Here were men - a handful, really - gathered together to marshal forces against one of the most powerful consortiums in the entire world - the American Petroleum Industries - and tired old paper weapons were being suggested as suitable weapons. I am sure that the industry which has been able to hold up the United States Treasury for years via its special tax benefits; the industry which drains resources from around the world, only to release them with impunity on our own soil in the form of air and water pollutants - and make money at it; the industry which has credibly been accused of playing games of peace and war where its oil drilling leases are at stake; the industry about to burn a scar across the largest untouched wilderness in the USA - Alaska; the industry which produces more oil than we can use, while crying "crisis"; the industry which makes profits during a recession, while crying "poverty"; the industry which gets ready to drill on the most fertile fishing grounds in the entire world - the Atlantic shelf - in the immediate aftermath of some of the worst oil spills known to history; I am sure that this industry is not too worried about petitions, bumper stickers, and buttons.

Roncallo introduced Tom Macres who told the assemblage that both the oil industry (New York and American Petroleum Councils) as well as the United States Dept. of the Interior has been invited to attend the conference but neither party bothered to respond to the request. The Dept. of the Interior was represented by a cardboard placard bearing this institution's name (a suitably vacuous symbol), while the oil-people were represented by twenty or so of their most recent publications which all clearly demonstrate that nothing is cleaner, healthier, or more compatable with a pleasant way of life than OIL.

Macres introduced Albert C. Jenson of the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation who made it clear from the outset that New York State had no jurisdiction beyond a three mile limit where most drilling would take place. Jenson spoke primarily about the value of the marine resources of the New York Bight which would be threatened by the proposed offshore drilling. As a good and correct member of the State Bureaucracy, Mr. Jenson noted that the state had no official position for or against oil exploration at this time. Yet he made it clear that the natural living resources of this area were well known and extensive, whereas the value of the oil resources were unknown and fraught with dangerous elements to the environment.

You might be interested in knowing that the Grand Bank off New Foundland (also threatened by the oil people) is the single most productive body of fishing water in the world, and Georges Bank off Cape Cod is the second greatest. Between ten and fifteen nations fish these waters at all times. (And before you get excited about "foreigners" fishing "our" waters, remember that the Portugese fished here long before there was an America.) In purely commercial terms the fishing waters which are now being threatened, are worth millions and millions of dollars annually. In terms of their importance as suppliers of food to peoples throughout the world, they are of inestimable value; in terms of their source of value to us as fishermen - only you can determine that!

Jenson took note of the fact that there would be virtually no economic benefit to Long Island as a result of nearby offshore drilling. Instead, our shore-oriented businesses (everything from motels to tackle dealers) would be threatened with extinction; super-tankers, oil tank farms, and oil refineries would drain the last dregs of beauty from our fragile east end (all that's left of the beautiful island we took from the indians so long ago.)

Following Mr. Jenson, we heard from Mr. Michael Nadel, of the Wilderness Society, who made some very valuable points relating our current problems with those of the Alaskan Pipeline Fiasco. Most telling of these was the interesting fact that 25% of the oil to be piped across this great state was scheduled for sale to Japan. How, he pointed out, could the oil companies cry "oil shortage" while at the very same time planning to sell one fourth of America's newest source? Nadel called the befouling of Atlantic Coasts from drilling most probable in the light of all oil drilling history. The roughness of our seas makes the risk even greater, while the fragility and importance of our wetlands makes the threat all the more serious. Nadel pleaded with the American people to weigh the superficial sense of progress which exploitation of the environment presents against the deep and long range losses which we and all future generations will sustain as a result of the unwise use of our planet's store of goods.

A Long Island political hopeful named Bianci asked to speak at this point. He called for government leadership and criticized Senator Buckley for

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Strictly Casting
by Vince Guaglianone

AT MONTAUK IN THE AUTUMN

PART II

Montauk's rich tides run along three rather different shores. These are the south coast, the Lighthouse area, and Gin Beach on the north.

I. DITCH PLAINS: The roadmaps show Ditch Plains. This beach of Montauk's south coast has two big coves with deep water close by. The coves are sharply defined by their seaward points that are awash at low tide. Amid the big coves are smaller seaward ribs and rock-piles, exposed by the ebb and making the sides of lesser coves. Only walking in daylight, looking, and thinking will give you the spots. Remember that bass, especially at night, hang or prowl along sides of reefs or bars which cross through these coves. Bass also hang in tidally gouged-out holes that are behind and alongside partially submerged boulders. Such rocky coves as these abound with diverse weed and crabs, shellfish, and other lives. So you have a chance here during a late season, or in a bad year, to land a 'stray' bass by casting bait to bottom; or to find a pod of 'resident' bass that were around all summer.

If autumn bait is in, with migrant bass after them, E, SE, and mild SW winds help put bait into these coves; and with moontides it is better yet. (A. Reinfelder's article, 10/28, cites a very important debit to the new moon's night!) One trouble at Ditch Plains though might be any moontide plus all northerly winds. It seems that if these winds blow strong and long enough, the combo with moontide tends to 'lock' the bait southeast of these coves and beyond any shore-based cast. We need more observation on this. Yet a NE blast with neap (or weak) tides (under crescent moons), could let bait like mossbunker get into these coves for shelter from rougher seas swinging around Montauk's "Point." Even at Ditch Plains the surf under a strong NE wind will be swollen and milky; but not impossible as at the Lighthouse area. This is why tides can be your ace in the hole. (Or, I had better say, "Queen" in the breakers.)

But under any wind or moon, Ditch Plains is rich enough to try plugging the tide's change, especially from low to incoming; and particularly when this change is near dawn or dusk. A big Atom swimmer worked slow is good. And the famous plastic eels and metal jigs are good after you know these coves enough to minimize snagging. Best of all is a bank sinker with cut bait (mackerel, butterfish) and under the stars. Whole worms, and clams? Of course.

II. THE LIGHTHOUSE AREA:
1. Turtle Cove: The Lighthouse is obvious. At the base of its sheer cliff are boulders, with a new wire fence. (See Part I's 'to the Right of the Light'.) Looking further right (southeast) you see Turtle Cove. Try it here under mild winds, or strong W or S winds, from high to low. Sheer bluffs form the further side of this grand cove, with Brown's Rock that far point. It's rockier here than at Ditch Plains; and from inside this cove you have a dramatic view of the Lighthouse which now looms on your left.

The E wind may be good here. A sudden E wind arose at about 2 AM on 10/31, and at dawn school bass and decent blues were beached here at high water. But maybe it depends on how long this wind blows. Or maybe it depends here on a combo of dawn/full-moon force/flood stage.

2. "The Point"; "Jones Reef"; "False Point" (not the one shown on the roadmap); and the "North Bar": As Stu 'Bad Winds' Miller (no relation to Don) once said: "It's crazy! These are all a series of indentations and spits with a name." Exactly. But they are also the fabulous diamonds of Montauk. Not set too near each other, yet you can walk left (north) from the Point (below the Lighthouse) and work the series of holes, rocks, and reefs to the stony North Bar. This kelpy bar borders Clark's Cove. Gazing northward over this big cove, you see its further side-point; and then Shagwong Point beyond.

The tide from Clark's ebbs over the North Bar. On 10/31, after dawn, I awakened shamefully late here. Hordes of gulls were screaming over a fierce surf. Outside my beach buggy, there were piles of schoolies and more blues on the beach. These were the class of fish previously being caught mostly from boats for two weeks, while most surfmen sweated only from the unseasonable heat. Now, gradually, the rising E blast drove bait and fish and birds and an excited line-up of rodmen to face north. Along the North Bar, casting tightly into Clark's Cove, one rod after another lurched over with blues socking poppers and big Hopkins. A boy skillfully worked in a 17 lb. bluefish, while I took only a 9; (Strictly casting, and scarcely catching?) Some rodmen laughed when, loudly, I asked the sky why I couldn't take a bass. Some decent stripers were beached; nothing over 20 lbs. that I saw; and on the same lures. Our surf-patriarch from old Brooklyn, the incomparable Sol Carroll, was sure that now the late season had started. But I had to go home! - - - "Vinnie, why don't you retire?" he teased me; adding "Hey, it's paradise! I got 6 weeks at Montauk, and then I go to Cape Hatteras."

At this Lighthouse area strong E winds hinder casting, except for Clark's if you face north. Previously, I never saw much taken at Clark's till mid-November. But now, 17 lb. and 13 lb. bluefish; and a few teen bass! There could have been bigger fish. Add night time to the conditions: E wind/full moon period/high ebb; and Clark's Cove could be it, even before mid-November and despite a late season when the water is still too warm.

Generally, anglers work the Point at low water, and move back through the series of spots to reach the North Bar at flood. Strong S winds make heavy surf without hindering the cast; while the good NW keeps the flood's bait along the sides of boulders and reefs. The Point is best at the start of NNE wind, or just after it blows over. Strong W winds are good, but the tide should be high incoming. Otherwise, Shagwong Pt. is better under a W wind. ("Better" means if there's bait and gamefish!)

When late afternoon on 10/31 more fish hit briefly at the North Bar, on flood tide, this broke the general rule: North Bar/ebb tide. But it served to remind us of the general right attitude, so often reflected on the beaches by that remark: "You never know."

3. On the north side: The Jetties; Gin Beach; and Shagwong Point: Try these under any wind if Montauk's diamonds grow dull. This flat water shore is reached by driving up East Lake Road. A deep channel runs between the jetties. The sandy beach has coves; and all along it is a sharp, close drop-off. Lowest ebb is best on the east jetty-tip, with live eels; Alous; Rebels. (Please, sportsmen, don't crowd this little jetty!) The whole 3-mile beach is good, up to Shagwong Pt. to your

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HUNTING THE T-M-T PRESERVE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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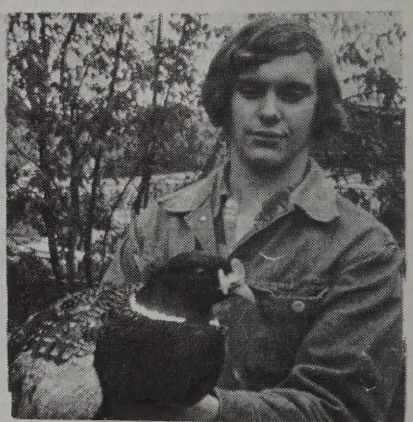

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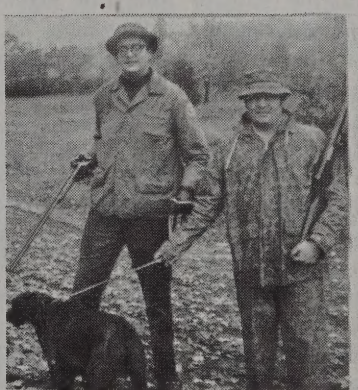

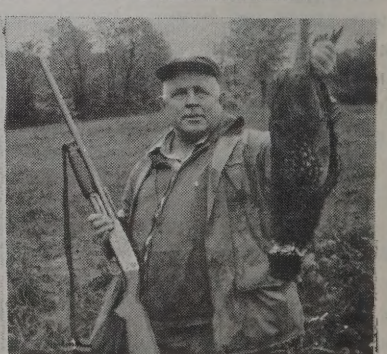

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(PLUGGIN' AROUND CONT.)

his silence, if not support, on the oil issue. Buckley, who made political points during his election campaign from his "ecological awareness" has, Bianci pointed out, considerable financial interest in the oil industry.

Roncallo returned to the platform to address himself squarely to the issue of the economics of offshore drilling. As Nassau County comptroller, he knew whereof he spoke. He noted that fines and quick settlements were easy pay-offs for the oil companies which placed a heavy and lasting financial burden on the polluted communities. He called the loss of revenue from shore-based industries a straight liability. The drain on Long Island resources - most notably water, already in short supply in Suffolk County - was pointed out as most serious. Roncallo strongly recommended that oil import quotas be rescinded to allow us to bring in the oil we need from existing and well established foreign sources. (It should be pointed out, incidentally, that the "foreign" sources are all American owned companies.) Roncallo's most radical proposal was for a consummer boycott of the products of those oil companies who drill off our shores.

Unfortunately I had to leave the meeting before all the speakers - which included some well-known environmental lawyers - could finish.

I am convinced that the oil drilling plans for the continental shelf area from Cape May to Cape Cod are the greatest single potential for ecological disaster facing Long Island at this moment. I am sure that at this writing the oil giants hold all the cards, all the info, and all the power. If you read this and toss it away without resolving to personally become a part of the fight against this threat you are casting a vote of apathy for the oil consortium planning to rape your fishing grounds. If there is any hope in our preventing this disaster it lies in strong, concerted action by every one of us. If you are ready to do something more than mumble in your beer, write:

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For a variation of this dish you can substitute the stewed tomatoes and use cream of celery or mushroom soup diluted slightly with cream or milk, depending on what your family's taste is. When using cream soups I like to add about one teaspoon of prepared horse radish. Depending on the size of the porgies you could fry them and add your heated sauce on top, but I hesitate to recommend frying because it is very difficult to fry large pieces of fish. The outside browns and dries quickly while the inside sometimes is not completely cooked.

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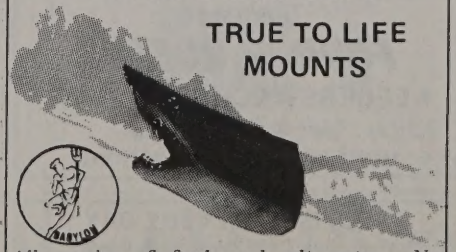

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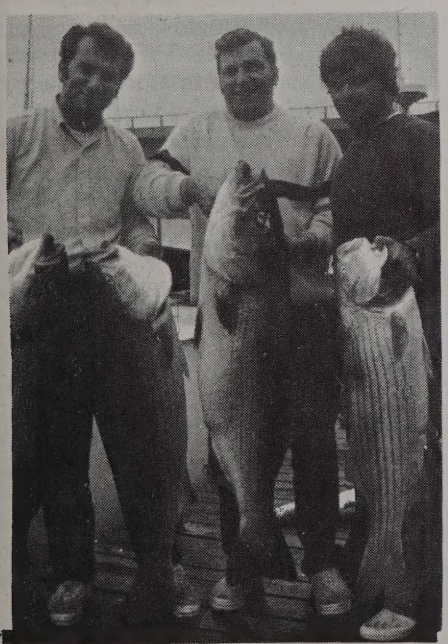

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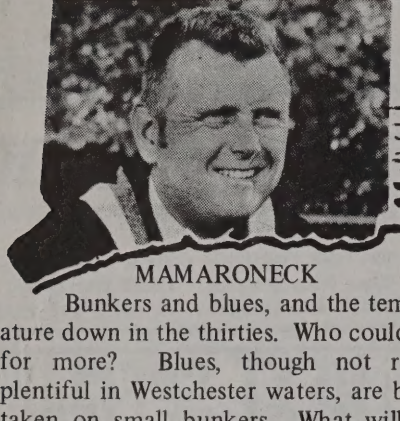


CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

MAMARONECK

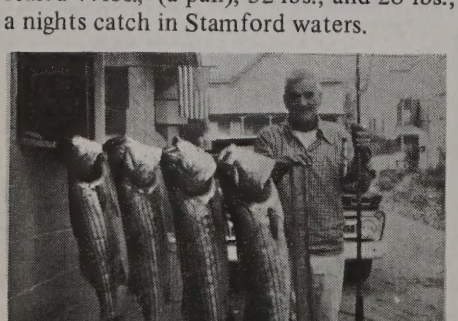
Bunkers and blues, and the temperature down in the thirties. Who could ask for more? Blues, though not really plentiful in Westchester waters, are being taken on small bunkers. What will the the cold snap do? It should teach us something about fishing. Whether or not the blues move with water temperature or on a timetable should prove out in 1971. Blacks continue to be truly fantastic, but the bait suppliers have been giving the fishing stations fits all along the line. Flounder are getting better by the day.

GREENWICH

Blues are still around. Don Gedney took a couple off the Grass Island docks. Buoy 32A was still producing for trollers over the weekend. Stripers though improving are inconsistent in waters here. It's mostly schoolies on plugs. Blacks are in thick, and unbelievable as it may sound, snapper blues are still in the Mianus, and every other river up the line. Flounders spotty in Cos Cob, and another fluke was reported in Byram. It was a five pounder for the unidentified angler, who first lost his rod, and displaying the patience only an avowed fisherman possesses, waited for the tide to drop, and found his rod, with the fluke still at the end of the line. Doug hopes to exercise that arm he injured with a trip for big bass at Eatons Neck before the end of the season.

STAMFORD

Three photos, supplied by Pat's Marina, provide excellent proof of the fall bass run. The first is a week old, just missing last weeks deadline, and shows Pat Chirillo with a nights catch of lunker linesiders, all caught on the Goo-Goo Eyes. The fish mentioned in last week's column, scaled 44 lbs.,—(a pair), 32 lbs., and 28 lbs., a nights catch in Stamford waters.



Pat Chirillo with the lunkers he caught

This week, Pat sent along two more pictures, showing Tony Loglisci, Leo Cooper's son-in-law, with a pair weighing in at 45 and 37 lbs., and Ron Kowalsky with his catch of a 38 pounder, and a 19 pound fish. That's a big bunch of stripers. Pat is also having bait problems, but blacks pave the bottom around the Stamford area. They were still catching blues off the dock when I called this week. Tony took his stripers on the Cooper Umbrella rig, while Pat's plugs were the Goo-Goo Eyes 20D and the 50 JT.

Tony Loglisci used an umbrella rig to take these bass.

Ron Kowalsky displays the pair of stripers he landed.

DARIEN

We hope to follow up a sad tale by Roy Demague at the Bait Shop. A customer of his from Jersey had just called after a couple of hours in the Hudson River near the Indian Point Power Plant. Seems that during that time, he and a friend, had counted fish, over 2,000 of them. They were being sucked into the intake pipes at the Indian Point Plant, and naturally the baby bass were destroyed. Seems as though Con-Edison could have used all that money spent in fighting conservationists to better advantage by spending it in research to lick the problem they created.

Weed Beach is still the hottest spot in those waters, but nothing really big has come to gaff.

NORWALK

In Norwalk, EVERYBODY MUST HAVE BEEN FISHING. I wasn't able to contact anybody for the weekly reports, but it's gotta be good. The Islands are always hot at this time of year, whether you're talking Cockenoe, Sheffield, Goose or any of the others. Bait is thick-thick, and fishing pressure is light.

WESTPORT

More stripers in Westport-Fairfield waters. Mac McMahon took a pair at 20 and 15 lbs., registered at the Westport Tackle Shop. Pete Erickson, his erstwhile guide, had an afternoon of 8 to 12 pound blues at Penfield Reef. Bunkers did the trick. Don Vogel took 8 after dark at Penfield, using the same method, and Lee Orifice collected 42 big choppers fishing with an un-named buddy last weekend. Those ifsh were all in the 10 to 12 lb class.

Ed Boland tells us flounder are picking up in the Saugatuck River, though most are small. Snappers were in the river again over the weekend. (They had to set some kind of record this year. Frostfish are hitting, but alas, no smelt reported as yet.

BRIDGEPORT

Catch of the week: It's a 20 lb. 10 oz. bluefish, caught off the Pleasure Beach Bridge on a bunker. It was weighed in at Bob's Bait and the Sportsman's Den. Bob Zam Pidri of Bob's Bait is happy. It was caught on one of his 11½ ft. custom rods. The angler is Bob Kendall of Bridgeport. Stowe at the Den remarked on the dead bunkers he used. They were about fifteen inches long which makes me smile, as it's more evidence for that big bait-big fish theory

At the Sportsmans Den, another big striper comes to light. It weighed in at 36½ lbs., and was taken by Adam Lulai, a Bridgeporter, fishing his home grounds of Seaside Park. Stowie tells us that while Pleasure Beach is hot for blues, the Stratford-Milford areas of Long Beach, the Gun Club, and Charles Island have been producing pretty steady bass up to 18 lbs. This is mostly plugging territory.

NEW HAVEN

We don't know the angler, but a confirmed report of a 39 pound striper makes news in New Haven this week. It was caught at Morningside. Bluefish are still abundant. The best area for boaters is just outside 6 Mile Reef, and just off Branford Beach. Prospect Beach and Morningside are paying off for the surf men. Snappers galore, but small.

It's now 7:15 PM. It's kind of chilly outside, but the moon is big and bright, there's only a light breeze, and a big tide is beginning to sweep into the Saugatuck River. Along with the tide, I'm betting there'll be some big bass. I'm just itching to drop a Goo-Goo Eyes and an Alou Eel next to the grass. It's striper time, and I'm going fishin'.

John Oellerich, R. Gluck and R. Backus display their catch of blackfish taken off the Norwalk Islands.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Youngsters and oldsters snapper fishing from the new Nassau County Park fishing pier on the west side of Hempstead Harbor. Photo by Doreen Pugh.

BROOME COUNTY DEER GUIDE O.K.

Contrary to the rumor going around Long Island about Sharkey Decker being out of commission, his wife, Leona, called to tell us he's tromping around the woods as good as ever. Leona tells us that due to the rumor, reservations have fallen off seriously. She said the first 3 days of the deer season are booked solid but after that she has no bookings. It looks like it's going to be a good season if what Sharkey has seen in the woods while lumbering is any guide.

If there are any further questions, Leona said to simply call (607) 639-1700 instead of relying on rumors.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle said that 1½ to 2 lb. Boston mackerel were in 6 foot of water Saturday. Jack jigged a dozen for himself using a small diamond jig. Blackfishing is excellent everywhere. A few flounders and tommy-cod were caught in the bay on worm baits. Saturday a 44 pound striper, reportedly caught while snagging bunker under the City Isladn Bridge, was weighed in along with two others going 33 and 38 pounds. Bunkers have been hard to find but a few schools are still around the bay.

Don Morris, of Roslyn Heights, caught this 42 lb. striper at Rum Point, Sea Cliff on a live bunker during the last week of October.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

The Glenwood Tackle Shop reported that prior to the blustery winds that followed Sunday afternoon's rain, snappers were still very cooperative at the powerhouse . Some of these fish border on the snapper-blue size. Blackfishing was in good shape at the breakwaters and both shores of the harbor. A few school bass were taken by worm trollers at West Island and at Matinecock; many were shorts.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of the Vets Fishing Station reported that anglers who didn't mind last week's cold weather had their choice of blackfish, flounders and stripers. The blackfish were caught at Whitewood Point and the flounders were caught just outside of the Cold Spring Harbor area. Fred Meyers of Plainview located some striper action while fishing along the Causeway. Fred and his fishing party caught seven stripers up to 8 lbs. on worms and plugs. This aciton took place during the early morning hours, just before and after sunrise.

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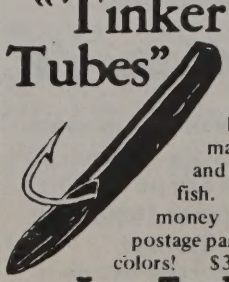

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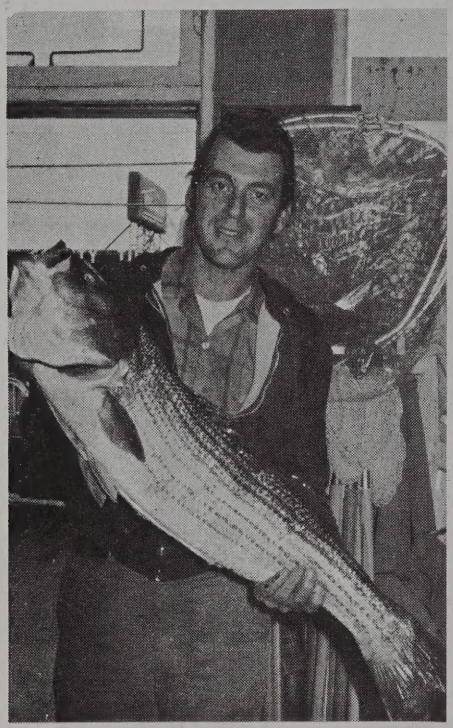
NORTHPORT

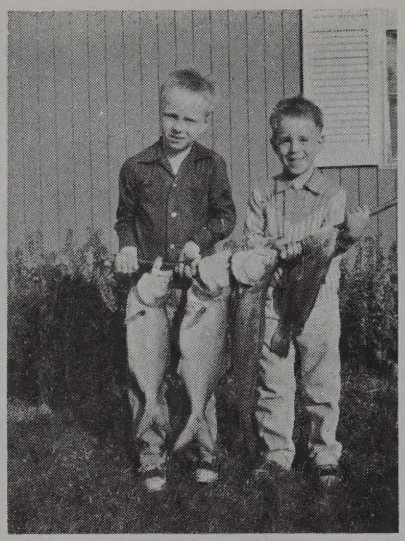
Earl Sammis of the Greenlawn Sports Shop reported both blues and bass are located along beach areas from Eaton's Neck and east. During last week, Makamah Beach was the best spot around. Small blues up to 3 lbs. were caught at Centerport, however, all of this was before a weather-hampered weekend. The only steady fishing locally has been the blackfishing, and that remains good most everywhere.



Michael Bowden, of Massapequa Park, with the 24 lb. striped bass he caught surfcasting with bunker bait at Sunken Meadow. Photo by S&S Sporting Goods in Lindenhurst.

SMITHTOWN

Larry Watts of the Beacon Fishing Station reports, "We have reached the time of year where most anglers pack their boats and gear away until spring." The only action locally has been good blackfish catches off of Fort Salonga. Blacks up to 5 pounds were caught there last weekend.



Young surfcasters Joseph and John Sidaras hold up the catch that they and their dad caught at Miller Place Beach.

MOUNT SINAI

Stripers are showing along Miller Place, Rocky Point and connecting areas. Both trolling and plugging is producing bass up to 15 pounds. Balckfishing along this same area remains good.

RIVERHEAD

Joe Doherty of the Riverhead Sports Center reported that last weekend the striper fishing was halted due to nasty weather conditions. The best striper action before the weekend came on Friday night. Bass from 20 to 40 pounds were trolled at Reeves Beach. Surgical tube lures and umbrella rigs did the trick and produced excellent action.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported, "We've reached the end of the season, both weather and fishwise. We are now closing up Capt. Marty's Fishing Station for the season. This weekend will be the last weekend we'll be open. Capt. Marty's Fishing Station wishes all a happy holiday and a joyful new year. See you on March 15th, 1972, when we reopen for another season."

ORIENT POINT - SOUTHOLD

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that fishing throughout the Orient Point area has been good despite the weather. Black and flounder fishing remains good. Stripers are finally starting to show. Bluefish, believe it or not, are still located at Plum Gut. Last Saturday, Capt. Szaryko weighed in the first cod of the season. His 9¾ pound cod was caught off of Rocky Point. If the cold weather continues, this may mena the start of the cod season. At Southold, flounder fishing has been on the slow side. If the present cold snap continues, flounder fishing should develop into productive fishing.

Bernie Yedwabnick, Bernie Gutstadt and Aaron Elkind caught this mess of flounders at Long Beach, Orient, drifting clam and worms aboard their boat, "Do-It."

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SOUTHSIDE REPORTS

MONTAUK TO FREEPORT by BOB LEE

Posing with the codfish they caught aboard the "Viking Star" are: Paul Vincent (41 lbs.), Tony Kaczmarcyk (43 lbs.) and Ed Sturn (46 lbs.).

John Carroll, Ed Berry, Tom Kieley and Fred Barth took these bass and blues from the surf at Montauk using Gibbs Darters. Fred's bass went 43 pounds. No date of catch was given. Photo by Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop.

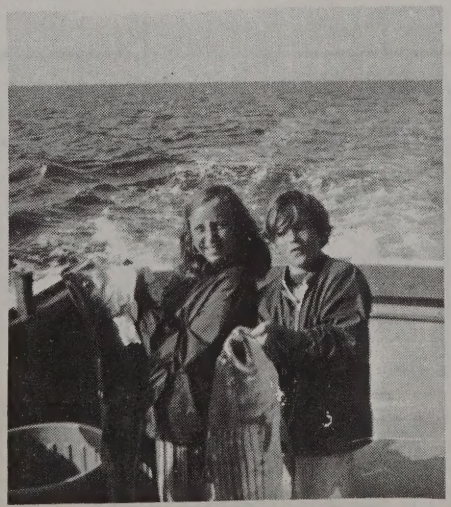
MONTAUK

Last Friday, at about noon, the tide began to slacken at the Race, as the northwest wind held steady. The "Hel-Cat" was holding her own over one heck of a lot of bluefish. As Capt. Brad Glas relayed via radio and telephone, "they are bailing them one after another. Smallest looks to be about 12 pounds." He also indicated that the big blues were so strong that the tackle was taking a good deal of punishment. At the time, one bass of about 18 pounds had also been caught.

Capt. Howie Carroll, skipper of the "Jigger III," reports that codfishing has really picked up now that we have some cooler weather. The Block Island cod are in that area in very good numbers. At the area known as the Southwest Ledge the cod average about 7 to 8 lbs. At Shark's Ledge the cod are much larger, running as high as 40 lbs. Capt. Carroll said he hopes the cold weather stays a while and cools the water. "Then we will be codfishing very close to the Point."

Bud Dorman of the "Viking Skipper" reports that the codfishing has picked up considerably at Block Island. Jeff Breslow of Glen Oaks fished aboard the Viking Skipper on Saturday and caught 12 good sized cod, 5 blackfish, all over 6 pounds, and four porgies up to 3 lbs. William Hopper of Paterson, N.J. had a successful day on Saturday also. Bill caught 14 cod, 4 blakcfish and 10 porgies. Capt. Dorman said there were very few dogfish around.

Bob Kieley of the Montauk Marine Basin reports that the striped bass fishing has been excellent all week. Boat trollers and chummers are doing very well at Shagwong Reef. The waters off the Point and on the south side are yielding good catches of stripers and bluefish. The surf-casters have been getting into these fish at these areas also. There is a good population of blues and bass on the north end of Gardiners Island. Boat trollers using wire line are getting best results with these fish. The codfishing at Block Island is getting better every day.

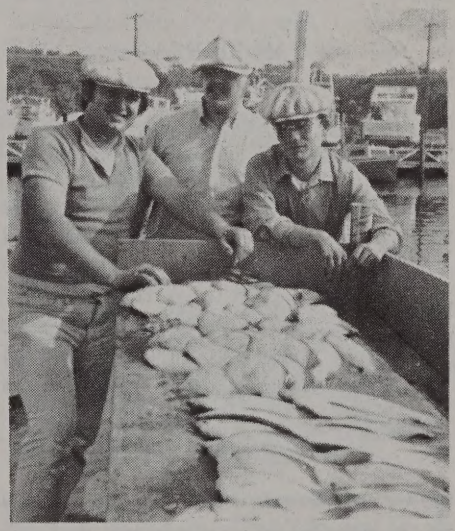


Kathy and Stephen Lett hooked these twenty five pound stripers within seconds of each other off Montauk aboard the "Blue Fin."

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Tom Johnson, skipper of the open boat "Capt. Clark," reports there has been a big improvement this past week on the flounder fishing scene. There are three areas that are producing good catches of flatties, said Capt. Johnson: the deeper waters of Shinnecock Bay itself, the Basket area, and the east end of the bay. The average catch per man is 15 to 20 fish. Minimum weight is 1 lb., with many fish hitting 2 lbs. Of course, we have our share of throw-backs, said the Capt. "The flounder fishing is so good, we will fish for them exclusively."

Ernie Behrle of Bradley's Fishing Station reports that flounder fishing is very good out here. It should get better now that we have this cold snap and northwest winds. The fishing area known as the "Basket" is the hotspot right now. These flatties run anywhere form a ½ pound to 1½ pounds. Some are in the 2 lb. class but not many, said Ernie. Earlier in the week some good striped bass action took place. This has slowed a bit in the last couple of days.



George Fisher, Tom Connolly and Ed Colihan caught this nice catch of flounders fishing from Frank's Fishing Station in Hampton Bays.

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SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobson of the Noyac Marina reports that the flounder fishing is very good in Cove. This area, known locally as Mill Creek, has a good population of flounders that prefer bloodworms baits. Cracked mussels will insure better catches if used liberally for chum. The size of these flatties is good; most are keepers but there are plenty of throw-backs. Mrs. Jacobson siad that the stripers fishingis very good at Plum Gut and Gardiners Island. Trolling wire is the effective method at both fishing areas.

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reports the flounder fishing is starting to pick up. Drifting bloodworms at Northwest Harbor and Cedar Point is producing good catches of these flatties. There is no real concentration of these fish, said Dan. There is some fair striped bass fishing at the Hedges Banks. Boatmen are tkaing these fish on yellow and white bucktails attached to monofilament line. The porgy fishing is finished; we haven't seen any of these fish in about a week.

MORICHES

Frank Savino of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reports the flounder fishing is excellent. On Saturday, boats returned to the docks with plenty of fat flounders. The waters east of the public docks is the hotspot right now. Bloodworms and cracked mussels for chum is turning the trick with these flatties. The blue claw crabbing is still holding up very well. The best place to go, said Frank, is just off the Brown House. The best method is crab traps baited with bunkers.

Fishing out of Skidmore's in Moriches, Bill Korn, Steve Brook, Mark Brook and Frank De Paola caught flounders, blue claw crabs and eels.

MASTIC

Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reports the flounder fishing really started to pick up. These flatties are still on the small side and many should be returned to the water to be caught next year or the year after. The best areas are Buoys 20 and 21. Bloodworms are best in the bait department. The blue claw crabbing remains excellent at Buoys 23 and 24.

SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports the flounders are still hitting off of Heckscher State Park. This fishing area is still the scene of large numbers of boats trying to get their share of flatties. "One of my customers had an excellent day on Saturday at this area. His name is Larry Stowe and he is from Flushing. Larry caught over 20 good sized flounders. For every 3 flatties taken, Larry had to throw 2 back because they were just too small to keep."

CAPTREE

The open boat "Joseph IV" had an excellent day on Saturday with the codfish. Over 200 cod were taken on that day. The largest fish was a 40 lb. 2 oz. caught by Hartur Worsman of Copiague. The second largest cod taken was a 38 lb. 15 oz. This fish was caught by Willie Conception of the Bronx.

Capt. Speedy Hubert skipper of the open boat "SpeedyIII" caught over 100 cod on Saturday. Most of the cod were average size. On Friday 100 cod were taken also. Some of the Speedy's fares had 20 fish and more apiece. Capt. Hubert caught plenty of porgies from the wrecks also. The largest porgy taken was 3¼ lbs.

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the open boat "Capt. Litwin," reports that the offshore fishing is very good. "We have been fishing wrecks and the reefs and getting good catches of blackfish, sea bass and porgies. Codfishing is getting better every day. The blackfish, at these areas are very large. The sea bass and porgies are of nice size also."

Mike Lyons of the Captree Bait Station reports that the pier fishermen are getting some small flounders. It's still a little slow on flounder fishing, from the pier at least. The open and charter boats are doing a good job on flounders off Heckscher State Park and the waters off Bay Shore. These flounders are plentiful but still on the small side. The open boats that head offshore for cod are doing an excellent job with these winter fish.

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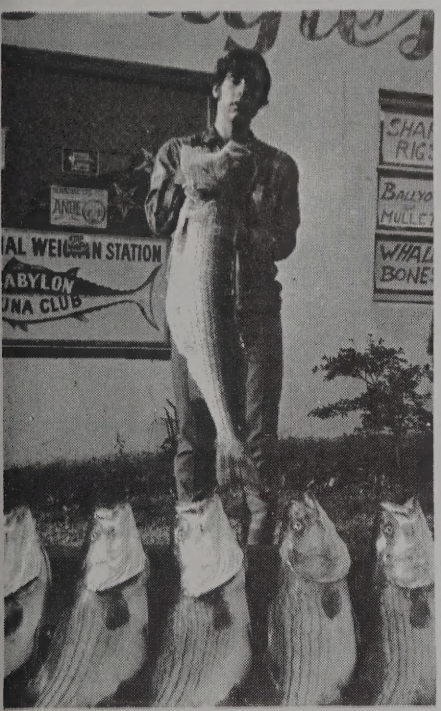
OAK BEACH

Janet Monaco of the Oak Beach General Store reports the surfcasters are getting action with striped bass. Most of the bass are large, running over 20 pounds and better. Live eels and small live blackfish are doing the job on these fish. The flounder fishing is rated excellent on the bay side. There are flounders on the inlet side but they aren't as large as the bayside fish. Blue claw crabs are still with us, said Janet. The bay side has a good population of these crabs and the cove east of the Sore Thumb Jetty is excellent also. Blackfish in the 2 to 3 lb. class are being caught at the rock jetties just in front of the store.



Fred Golofaro took these six lunkers, from 30 to 32 pounds, from the surf at Cedar Beach 2 weeks ago using live eels. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.

BABYLON

Augie Prinicpe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reports that the striped bass fishing at the inlet and off Cedar Beach was excellent. These bass were big and they fell for live eels. The surfcasters and boatmen did equally well. Ray DiBari and friend Russ Myers, of West Islip, sailed aboard Mr. DiBari's boat, the "Gotcha," and caught eight bass from 32 to 40 pounds. All were taken on live eels off Cedar Over-?ppl Beach. On Saturday, Warren Leggere of Deer Park caught four stripers from 31 to 33 lbs. All were caught on live eels also. The flounder fishing is excellent throughout the bay but many of these flatties are very small and should be returned to the water. There were large schools of blues in the inlet on Friday and Saturday. These fish were very picky and wouldn't hit anything.

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reports that the flounder fishing is getting better. There are plenty of flounders all over the bay but many are on the small side. Bergen Point is producing some excellent catches of flatties. Bloodworm baits coupled with cracked mussels for chum is a winning combination at this area.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reports he weighed in a 44 pound striped bass, taken at Democrat Point Thursday night on a Stan Gibbs swimming plug. The happy angler was Van Deleske of Levittown. In addition to this lunker bass, Van had four other bass and three blues. All fell for the swimming plug. The surf at Field No. 9 at Jones Beach had good bluefish action on Friday and Saturday. The flounder fishing is excellent in Zach's Bay. In the fall, the State Channel is one of the better spots for flounder, said Lon.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports that the flounder fishing is excellent. Frank and Barbara Schiel of Bellmore caught over 24 fat flounders at Goose Creek. The couple used bloodworms for bait. There are still some weakfish around. These fish are quite large and are classed as tide runners, said Frank. The surf has been slow this past weekend. Joe Carter of Bellmore, fishing from the "Flying W," caught 21 cod. The largest weighed in at 45 pounds. Joe fished a wreck S.E. of Jones Inlet.

FREEPORT

Bill of the Freeport Cold Storage reports that the clam chummers are doing an excellent job on striped bass around the bridges. There is some excellent blackfishing at these bridge areas also. The wreck fishing is producing good catches of blacks and porgies. Bluefish are offshore also but no one seems to want them, said Bill. The open and charter boats are finding cod offshore at the more distant wrecks. The colder weather should bring the cod closer to shore and make this type of fishing easier for all concerned. Flounder fishing is good throughout the bay. There are enough keepers to make it interesting. Bloodworms are number one in the bait department. It helps to chum with mussels or clams.

POINT LOOKOUT

John McIntyre of Ed's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing is very good in the flats and Swift's Creek. These flatties are being taken on both sand and bloodworms. Good sized blackfish are hanging around the Meadowbrook Bridge. The T Wreck offshore has a large population of blackfish also. There is excellent striped bass fishing off of Lido Beach. Most of the bass are lunkers weighing 30 to 40 pounds. These fish are being caught on surgical tubes. There is some weakfish action in the surf also. These weaks are falling for the same lures meant for stripers. Flounder fishermen are getting scattered catches of kingfish.

Eddie Beller and Don Durando boated 54 blackfish up to 5 lbs. The blacks were caught on fiddler crabs off Silver Point out of the Long Beach Sports Club.

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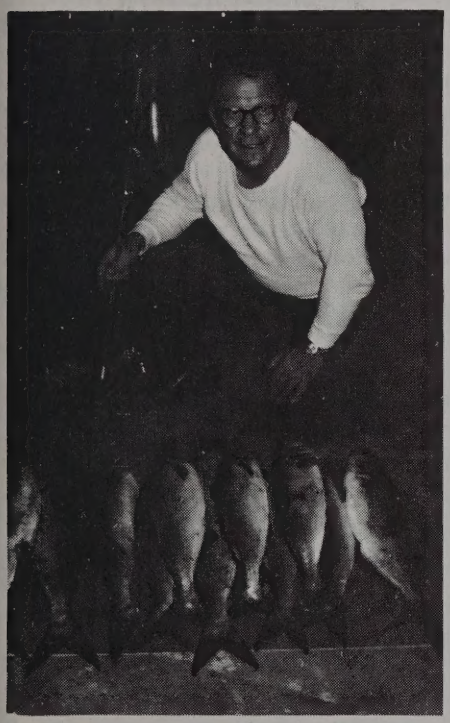
Bill Modell and his son, Mitchell, teamed with Andy and Joe Groveman aboard the "Kim" to 'bunker spoon' these stripers, 25 to 31 lbs., and also the 17 lb. blue.

Dom Morello, of Brooklyn, tries to duck a double header of blackfish caught by Joe Pepitone, centerfielder for the Chicago Cubs. They fished aboard Johnny Imperatore's boat "Mattaron." The bluefish was trolled at Sandy Hook; the blackfish came from a wreck off Norton's Point.



Al Burka caught these blues out at the Farms. He fished out of the Atlantic Highlands.

Sid Karlin, Tournament Director of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club's Invitational Tuna Tournament, awards Greg Beacher of the L.I.F. the Captain's Trophy for captaining the "Double SS" during the boating of Ray Dorian's tournament winning 140 lb. tuna.

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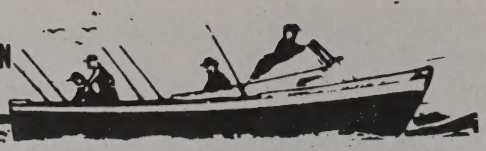

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported blues up to 19 pounds and bass up to 45 pounds are still located between Lido and Atlantic Beach. At times, blues outnumbered bass catches over last weekend. However, many anglers didn't care simply because there was plenty of action for all. Buddy Rogal of the Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club boated the largest bass last week. Buddy's lunker hit the scales at Henning's at 45 lbs. even.

At the Atlantic Beach Bridge, both stripers and blackfish are being caught in fair numbers. At Buoys 1 and 5 of Reynolds Channel and Broad Channel, both flounders and kingfish are being caught. Blackfishing along jetties, bridges, wrecks and artificial reefs remains good. Despite the fact that anglers are using clam baits, as fiddler crabs have been hard to get, catches have been pretty decent. There have been a few reported cod catches offshore along open bottom areas.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports blackfishing has been exceptionally good so far this season. At the Marine Parkway Bridge, blackfish up to a pound are being caught and at the present time seems to be the best spot around. At Silver Hole, flounders up to 1¼ lbs. are now being caught. Smaller flounders are being caught all along most bay areas. Herring up to a pound and a half are still located in Jamaica Bay. The only striper action has been at the North Channel Bridge. Stripers up to 21 inches are being caught there on worm baits. Believe it or not, blue claw crabs are still with us and they are being trapped in both size and numbers.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sheepshead Bay anglers are getting an early preview of cod for the season by the "Tampa IV" and the "Victory." Both boats ventured offshore last Friday night for some excellent cod and pollack wreck fishing. Aboard the Victory, anglers hit a bonanza as Capt. Tred Abrams picked an offshore wreck that produced over 1000 cod and pollack up to 48 lbs. Anglers on board averaged up to 25 fish per man and better. Aauto Cunas of Woodbridge, N.J., of the Kay W Fishing Club, was the cod pool winner with a 48 pounder. Abe Brenner of Brooklyn won top honors in the pollack category with a 32 pounder. Tred Abrams told me that these offshore wreck fishing trips usually produce between 150 to 300 fish during this time of the year. But there wasn't an angler on board that didn't mind catching cod and pollack until he was arm weary.

The Tampa IV didn't hit the bonanza on the wrecks they fished, but the results were still excellent. Over 200 cod and pollack were caught, with cod up to 48 lbs. 6 ozs. and pollack up to 35 lbs. 6 ozs. boated. Along with the cod and pollack were two huge blue sharks which were boated for added excitement. Ernest Arroyo of the Bronx won the pool with 48 lb. 6 oz. cod. Stanley Beonarz of N.Y.C. was second with a 41 pounder. George Tomas of New Jersey boated the largest pollack at 35 lbs. 6 ozs. Frank Dassl of N.Y.C. placed second in the pollack category with a 31 pounder.

Usually during this time of the year, most anglers are concentrating their efforts on cod and mackerel, however, they have not shown locally as of yet. With the first major changes of temperature of the season taking place last week, many captains feel that the prolonged season will be back to normal by Thanksgiving with the arrival of both cod and mackerel. Back to noraml is one thing, but presently bluefish are still being caught locally and offshore. Along beach areas from Atlantic Beach across to Manasquan, blues are still active. Trollers and surf fishermen are catching blues up to 20 lbs., with the majority of blues going over 7 lbs. Offshore bluefishing remains good at 17 Fathoms, the Farms, and the Klondike. Offshore catches have been good and that mainly depends upon the weather. Present bluefish action will remain the same until the water temperatures drop.

Blackfishing both locally and offshore has been producing rewarding catches, with plenty of fish along bridges, jetties, wrecks and artificial reefs. At times, anglers seeking blackfish are connecting for explosive porgy action. The "Ranger IV" has been fishing offshore wrecks for blackfish and porgies. From what I saw the other day, they are doing quite well. Blackfish up to 5 lbs. and porgies up to 2 lbs. were on display and Ranger IV fares fish bags were stocked with fish.

Striper fishing locally has been on the slow side, and at times was very poor. The only action locally last weekend was at the Tin Can Grounds and that wasn't much. The striper fishing at the Can was poor for both trollers and bait fishermen. The action consisted of a few blues and some small stripers. At Norton's Point, a few blues and bass were caught, but that action only lasted a short time between tide changes.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported striper fishing throughout the Staten Island area has averaged-out into moderate fishing. At Penny Beach, New Dorp, Great Kills, and Annadale, small bass up to 5 pounds are being caught on worm baits and Rebel lures. However, most of the bass taken are shorts and they are released. Boats are concentrating their efforts at Sandy Hook and Flynn's Knoll. Action there over the weekend was slow, with only a few blues and bass produced. Flounder fishing has started, with flounders being caught in numbers, but not in size. Blackfishing remains good most everywhere. Again, mostly small sized blacks are being caught. Blue Claw crabbing is over for the season.

SANDY HOOK

There were a lot of disappointed bass fishermen at Sandy Hook last weekend. Fishing there was far off the pace with only a few bass taken. Matter of fact, the only bass caught were from 20 to 30 pounds. And 90% of the some 150 boats fishing Sandy Hook, Flynn's Knoll and Romar Shoals were skunked. The only action there was an occasional bluefish and the lucky boats caught a bass, on bunker spoons.

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" reported that last Saturday they started to bluefish at the Farms, however, they left this area and fished the Shrewsbury Rocks. Here they caught bluefish at a moderate pick and ended the day with a nice mess of fish. "It seems funny to be bluefishing this late in the season. Usually by Election Day we're cod fishing, not bluefishing. Anyway, the way things look, bluefishing should last at least a week or two more."

MANASQUAN

Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reports that from Shark River and south towards Seaside Park, blues, bass and weakfish are mixed together along surf areas. Blues up to 20 lbs. and bass up to 30 lbs. are being caught by both trollers and surf fishermen. Beach areas are alove with small baitfish, mainly con-

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sisting of small bunkers. And when used for bait, anglers are connecting for plenty of action. Weakfish up to 2 lbs. are being caught in good numbers with both jigging and squid baits producing moderate weakfish action. Party boats fishing offshore are still connecting for good to excellent bluefish action at Manasquan Ridge and the Klondike. For bottom fishermen, there are both porgies and blackfish at wrecks and artificial reefs. It won't be too long before the cod and mackerel show.

Sid Karlin, Tournament Director of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club's Invitational Tuna Tournament, awards Michael De Nicolas of Brooklyn a Penn 8/0 International Reel and a trophy for winning second place with a 32½ lb. tuna.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

SANDY HOOK

DAY	AM	PM
11-Thur.	2:30	2:42
12-Fri.	3:24	3:36
13-Sat.	4:18	4:30
14-Sun.	5:06	5:18
15-Mon.	5:42	6:00
16-Tues.	6:24	6:36
17-Wed.	7:00	7:12
18-Thur.	7:36	7:54

on SANDY HOOK

Long Island South Side

	h.	m.
Hempstead Bay		
Deep Creek Meadow	+1	02
Green Island	+1	22
Cuba Island	+1	08
Bellmore, Bellmore Creek	+1	29
Neds Creek	+0	50
Freeport Creek	+0	34
Freeport, Baldwin Bay	+0	38
Long Beach	+0	19
Long Beach, outer coast	- 0	29
Hempstead Bay Continued		
East Rockaway	+0	42
Woodmere, Brosewere Bay	+0	35
East Rockaway Inlet	- 0	06
Jamaica Bay		
Plumb Beach Channel	+0	03
Barren Island, Rockaway Inlet	- 0	00
Beach Channel (bridge)	+0	38
Motts Basin	+0	40
Norton Point, Head of Bay	+0	39
New York International Airport	+0	26
Grassy Bay (bridge)	+0	44
Carnarsie	+0	28
Mill Basin	+0	29
Coney Island	- 0	03
Norton Point, Gravesend Bay	- 0	03
Shinnecock Inlet (ocean)	- 0	50
Ponquogue Bridge, Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
Potunk Point, Moriches Bay	+3	35
Moriches Inlet	- 0	56
Mastic Beach, Moriches Bay	+3	28
Fire Island Breakwater	- 0	39
Democrat Point, Fire Island Inlet	- 0	38
Great South Bay		
Fire Island Light	+0	47
West Fire Island	+2	11
Point O' Woods	+2	28
Bellport, Bellport Bay	+3	44
Patchogue	+3	23
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Great River, Connetquot River	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Oak Beach	+2	24
Babylon	+2	12
Gilgo Heading	+2	23
Amityville	+2	21
Biltmore Shores, So. Oyster Bay	+2	05
Jones Inlet (Point Lookout)	- 0	19

WILLETS POINT

DAY	AM	PM
11-Thur.	6:42	7:12
12-Fri.	7:26	8:06
13-Sat.	8:24	8:48
14-Sun.	9:06	9:36
15-Mon.	9:42	10:12
16-Tues.	10:12	10:42
17-Wed.	10:30	11:06
18-Thur.	10:54	11:24

on WILLETS POINT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Port Chester	- 0	09
Rye Beach	- 0	14
Mamaroneck	- 0	08
New Rochelle	- 0	13
Davids Island	- 0	02
City Island	- 0	03
Throggs Neck	+0	02
Whitestone	+0	02
Old Ferry Point	+0	04
College Point, Flushing Bay	+0	20
Hewlett Point	- 0	03
Port Washington, Manhasset Bay	- 0	01
Execution Rocks	- 0	06
Glen Cove, Hempstead Harbor	- 0	11

BRIDGEPORT

DAY	AM	PM
11-Thur.	6:00	6:24
12-Fri.	6:54	7:18
13-Sat.	7:42	8:06
14-Sun.	8:24	8:48
15-Mon.	9:06	9:30
16-Tues.	9:48	10:12
17-Wed.	10:24	10:48
18-Thur.	11:00	11:30

on BRIDGEPORT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Oyster Bay		
Oyster Bay Harbor	+0	04
Bayville Bridge	+0	09
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	04
Eatons Point	- 0	01
Lloyd Harbor ent. Huntington	- 0	01
Northport, Northport Bay	- 0	01
Nissequogue River entrance	- 0	07
Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay	+0	05
Stratford Shoal	- 0	09
Pt. Jefferson Harbor entrance	- 0	01
Port Jefferson	+0	02
Setauket Harbor	0	00
Conscience Bay ent. (Narrows)	+0	03
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	05
Herod Point	- 0	11
Mattituck Inlet	+0	39
Horton Point	- 0	24
Truman Beach	- 0	46

NEW LONDON

DAY	AM	PM
11-Thur.	4:30	4:48
12-Fri.	5:18	5:42
13-Sat.	6:06	6:24
14-Sun.	6:42	7:06
15-Mon.	7:18	7:42
16-Tues.	7:48	8:18
17-Wed.	8:24	8:54
18-Thur.	9:00	9:30

on NEW LONDON

	h.	m.
Plum Gut Harbor, Plum Island	+0	34
Little Gull Island	+0	17
Shelter Island Sound		
Orient	+0	41
Greenport	+1	09
Southold	+1	48
Noyack Bay	+2	10
Sag Harbor	+1	04
Cedar Island	+0	49
Peconic Bays		
New Suffolk	+2	31
South Jamesport	+2	37
Shinnecock Canal	+2	38
Three mile Hbr. ent., Gardiners Bay	+0	26
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	- 0	09
Montauk Harbor entrance	- 0	20
Montauk, Fort Pond Bay	- 0	24
Montauk Point, north side	- 1	08

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